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 Promise 801-483-6057  
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Mayor Cherie Wood

emergency proclamations since March. But together, we have proven that we can withstand extreme difficulties and adapt to meet the needs of our community.

This City, its residents, business owners and employees are resilient to the core. I have had the fortune to have a bird's-eye view and see how many have creatively overcome what looked to be insurmountable challenges. I'd like to thank all our rock stars and here are two in particular. These City employees happen to also call South Salt Lake their home. They live, work and play in our City. They are passionate about their work and I am grateful to have them serving our residents and businesses!

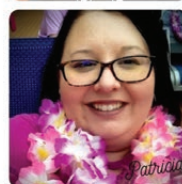
Ariel Andrus is our Deputy City Recorder and the 2020 Employee of the Year. She was a rock star long before the pandemic hit or the ground shook. Her work serves nearly every City department and even with her workload she has always displayed a pleasant attitude. In the face of COVID-19 she became an expert at conducting our City Council, planning commission, and committee meetings in a virtual environment while making sure all City business remains transparent and professional. Thank you!

Edward Lopez is our Promise SSL Community Engagement Coordinator and leads our Family

## Blessings in Disguise During 2020

Liaison team. Their team supports families and youth citywide who may face temporary or sudden life challenges, such as losing housing, needing food assistance, or determining ways to keep kids safe while at school. With boots on the ground, they know the residents, foresee obstacles and lift us up when in need. He is turned to as a lifeline for so many! By connecting residents with resources and programs he is truly investing in people. If you want to lend support to your neighbor in a time of need, I suggest you get in touch with Edward.

As always, I am grateful to residents citywide. I have heard stories, had conversations and witnessed true caring and generosity. Residents have assisted one another in completing their Census survey, registering to vote, making grocery trips for our elders, mulching and planting trees in our parks, donating school supplies and countless other acts of giving and caring for each other. I offer my encouragement and thanks as we wrap up 2020 with a glimpse of light at the end of a year-long tunnel of hardships—this community has become stronger by the efforts of all of you.



*Our employees keep us On The Move!*



## SSL City Council Meetings

Meetings likely electronic only, visit [sslc.com](http://sslc.com) for info.

Wednesday, November 4, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 7 p.m.

## SSL City Planning Commission Meetings

Thursday, November 5, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 19, 7 p.m.

**NOTICE:** All meetings are subject to postponement, cancellation or live stream only. Check [sslc.com](http://sslc.com) for updates.

## Holiday Closures

**South Salt Lake City Offices Will be closed for business:**

**Wednesday, Nov. 11**

**Thursday, Nov. 26**

**Friday, Nov. 27**

**We wish you a safe holiday!**

## Garbage and Recycling Pickup

### VETERANS DAY

Waste will be collected on Wednesday, Nov. 11

### THANKSGIVING DAY

Waste will not be collected on Thursday, Nov. 26

Service will be delayed one day starting with the holiday. Be certain to have your cans out by 7 a.m.

## Leaf Bags

South Salt Lake residents can participate in an annual leaf bag collection program. Each fall season, five leaf bags are supplied to residents at no cost. To request your bags, call 801-483-6045 and provide your name and address. Your leaf bags will then be delivered to your doorstep. The leaf bags will be picked up curbside through the end of November.



## City Council Corner – The Gift of Self-Care During Holiday Season

*By LeAnne Huff, City Council District 1*

We are heading into the seventh month of the pandemic and the holidays are before us, which under normal conditions, is a stressful and hectic time for most. Although many of us think of joy and togetherness, the holidays add another activity to everything that is already going on in our lives, whether you're working, searching for a job, struggling to pay rent, juggling childcare and other stressors.

Self-care is not an indulgence, it is essential for our overall health and wellness, on an individual level as well as on a community level, and this includes everyone having access to quality healthcare. As individuals, there are some things that we can do to help promote self-care, reduce tension and better manage our stress.

The thought of adding something else to your schedule may seem impossible even if it is good for you, and the good news is many acts of self-care don't have to take long. For example, exercising regularly, which doesn't have to be intensive, a 10-minute walk around your block can make all the difference in releasing tension and improving your mood.

Here are six suggestions for managing your stress during the holidays:

- Exercise: stretching, bike riding, or walking around the block
- Take a prolonged and deliberate break from T.V. and social media
- Say or write down three things you are grateful for daily
- Ask for help
- Acknowledge and accept whatever you are feeling
- Find reasons to laugh

### OTHER RESOURCES:

Put the "Me" Back In Merry – Self Care during the Holiday Season: [bit.ly/3iYWceW](https://bit.ly/3iYWceW)

Mayo Clinic Tips for Stress Management: [mayoclinic.org/3iYWkLs](https://mayoclinic.org/3iYWkLs)

CDC guidelines for Holiday Celebrations: [bit.ly/3dpzawF](https://bit.ly/3dpzawF)

*Note: Opinions expressed here may not be representative of all Members of the City Council.*

## South Salt Lake City Council Action Report Summary

Full agendas, minutes, handouts and video recorded meetings available at: [sslc.com/city-government/council-meeting](http://sslc.com/city-government/council-meeting)

Date	Agenda Item	Subject	Action	Next Step
9/30/20	Resolution approving additional CARES Act funding for the City	Resolution approving the Mayor's Acceptance of Additional Payments from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act Funding Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County	Approved	No Further Action
9/30/20	Citizen Review Board Discussion	Citizen Review Board Ordinance Discussion	Council will bring back to a future meeting	Further discussion needed
10/14/20	RDA Bond Purchase Agreement and amendment to interlocal agreement with RDA	Consideration of a Resolution of the City Council Authorizing and Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Bond Purchase Agreement by The City of SSL RDA and a Second Amendment Interlocal Agreement between the City and the Agency, Both Pursuant to the Agency's Issuance and Sale of its Excise Tax and Tax Increment Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$11,000,000, in one or more Series and with such additional or Alternate Designations as the Agency may Determine ; and related matters	Approved	No Further Action
10/14/20	Fire Department	The annual report of the Fire Department	Report from the Fire Chief.	No Action needed.

## Voting in the 2020 Election

November is here—and with it, the 2020 Presidential Election! Here is everything you need to know.

### VOTING OPTIONS

#### Vote by Mail

By now, all registered voters in South Salt Lake have received ballots in the mail. Instructions and postage for mailing are included with your ballot. Only ballots postmarked before November 2 will be counted. Residents may also drop off their ballots at a Salt Lake County drop-off location anytime before November 3, 2020 at 8 p.m.

#### Drop-off locations include:

- Salt Lake County Government Center - 2001 S. State Street
- Millcreek Unified Police Department - 1580 E. 3900 South
- Murray City Hall - 5025 S. State Street
- West Valley City Hall - 3600 S. Constitution Blvd

#### Vote In-person

The Columbus Center (2531 S. 400 East) will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 3 for in-person voting. Salt Lake County provides additional voting centers, including all of the drop-off locations listed above. Residents must wear a mask to enter these buildings. Make sure to set aside enough time, as there may be a line.

For additional drop-off or in-person voting locations: [slco.org/clerk/elections](http://slco.org/clerk/elections)

For questions regarding voting or the 2020 Election, contact Salt Lake County Elections Division at 385-468-7400 or via email at [GOT-VOTE@slco.org](mailto:GOT-VOTE@slco.org).



## It Takes a Community to Keep Us Safe

### TIPS TO PREVENT CAR THEFT AND BURGLARIES

Community involvement makes our City a better place in which to live and do business. In order to prevent crime and keep everyone safe, the police department needs your help because an all eyes approach benefits everyone. If you see something suspicious feel free to call the SSLPD at 801-840-4000.

In our most recent Neighborhood Watch meeting we discussed that the number of vehicle burglaries in our City is up when compared to last year. As we move into the holiday season, while out and about shopping or at home celebrating, being aware is a key deterrent. I would like to share some important crime prevention tips to reduce your exposure of being a target for vehicle burglaries and thefts.



- Always roll up vehicle windows and lock all doors.
- Hide your personal belongings.
- Store items in your trunk before you arrive on-site, avoid storing items in your trunk after you park.
- Keep cell phone cords or other electronic accessories out of sight.
- Do not keep important papers in your vehicle.
- Park in a well-lit area.
- Don't leave your car running idle (for the environment and for theft).

Look out for suspicious activity such as people walking up and down aisles and checking vehicle door handles. Watch out for cars moving slowly or stopping for extended periods in parking lots. Keep an eye out for anyone on a bike or scooter with no specific purpose in a parking lot.

The SSLPD sends best wishes for a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday!



Police Chief  
Jack Carruth



Emergency  
Preparedness



### Preparedness Tip #11: Get and Stay Hydrated!

A three day supply of potable water should be stored in the event of an emergency. It is recommended that you should store one gallon of water per person per day. Considerations should be taken into account for heat and activity. Water should be stored in soft drink bottles or water jugs. Decomposable or breakable containers, such as milk cartons or glass bottles should be avoided. When purified water is not available, it is important to know how to treat contaminated water. By consuming contaminated water, an individual runs the risk of contracting such illnesses as dysentery, cholera, typhoid, hepatitis and all of the associated symptoms. All water of uncertain purity should be treated using one or a combination of the following treatments:

**Filter:** Filter the water using a piece of cloth or coffee filter to remove solid particles.

**Boil:** Bring water to a rolling boil for one full minute. Cool and then pour it back and forth between two clean containers to improve taste before drinking.

**Chlorinate:** Add 16 drops (1/8 tsp) of liquid chlorine bleach per gallon of water and let stand for 30 minutes. If the chlorine smell is still detected in the water after 30 minutes, it is ready for consumption. If the smell dissipates, add 16 drops of chlorine and let stand for 30 minutes. If the smell continues to dissipate, discard the water and find another source. Because flood water can be contaminated by toxic chemicals, never try to treat flood water.



## FALL CODE REMINDERS

1. With colder weather approaching please remember to keep all sidewalks in front of your home free and clear of ice and snow.
2. Placement of any items (furniture, appliances, etc.) on the sidewalk, park strip, curb/gutter, or street in front of your house or that of a neighbor is prohibited.
3. All operable vehicles must be parked on a hard surface (concrete or asphalt).
4. Keep trees trimmed to a minimum of 14 feet above the street and 7 feet above the sidewalk. Also, keep bushes and weeds trimmed back so they are not encroaching onto sidewalks.

If you have a code question or concerns contact Vedat at [vlelo@sslc.com](mailto:vlelo@sslc.com) or 801-464-6712

## Time Change & Fall Fire Safety Tips

As people turn back their clocks on Sunday, November 1st, South Salt Lake Fire reminds the public to review and refresh their fire safety plan for fall. Preparedness tips include:

**Change smoke alarm batteries** – When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms provide early warnings so people can get outside quickly. Check each alarm battery and test them monthly to make sure they are working. If a fire alarm starts chirping on its own, it is warning you to replace batteries immediately.

**Prepare an escape plan** – Create a home escape plan and designate a meeting place outside to gather in the event of an emergency.

**Be warm and safe** – Cooler months are just around the corner, keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment like the furnace, fireplace, or space heater. Never use your oven to heat your home, and have your heating equipment cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional.

**Thanksgiving preparation** – On Thanksgiving Day, many

families customarily spend the holiday inside their home or the home of a friend or family member with dinner being the highlight. Thanksgiving is the leading day for home fires involving cooking equipment by at least three times the average number per-day. If you plan to use a deep-fryer to cook your turkey this year remember that turkey fryers must always be used outdoors and at a safe distance from buildings. Make sure the fryer is placed on a flat surface and never leave it unattended. Don't overfill the fryer with oil and keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease or oil fire.

The men and women of the Fire Department hope you and your family have a wonderful, safe Thanksgiving Holiday!



Fire Chief  
Terry Addison



### Join us for a Citywide Neighborhood Watch Zoom Meeting

November 5, 2020 7:00 p.m.  
Visit [sslc.com](https://sslc.com) for link



## South Salt Lake Food Scene: Support Local Business

### BEST CHICKEN & RIBS

A small but mighty Greek restaurant, Best Chicken & Ribs has a blazing rotisserie grill inside and specializes in kabobs. 111 E. 2700 South, Open M—Sat. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., closed Sundays.



### OLD BRIDGE CAFE

A modern European restaurant located at 249 E. 3300 South. Open M—Sat. 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., closed Sundays.



### VILLAGGIO PIZZERIA

They specialize in authentic New York style pizza. Located at 3144 S. State for Dine-in or Take-Out. Open M—Sat. 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., closed Sundays.



### BAMBU DESSERTS AND DRINKS

This small Vietnamese Chè, Coffee & Teas Shop accepts phone orders for curbside pickup. 3310 S. 500 East, Open 7 days a week from Noon to 6 p.m.



### LEFT FORK GRILL

A local diner located at 68 W. 3900 South. They were awarded the Best Comfort Food in Salt Lake in 2011 and Best Breakfast in Salt Lake in 2009. They are open Sunday—Tues. 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wed—Sat. 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



### MANO THAI

Open for delivery and take-out. Located at 41 W. 3300 South. They are available M—Sat. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and closed Sundays.



## OUR OUTDOOR GALLERY NOW HAS 25 MURALS!

### MURALS

1. Traci O'Very Covey (Phase 2)  
Mountainland Design  
2345 S. Main Street
2. Alex Johnstone  
Level Crossing Brewing Co.  
2496 S. West Temple
3. Evan Jed Memmott & Isaac Hastings  
Clever Octopus Creative Reuse Center  
2250 S. West Temple
4. Veronica Zak  
High Grade Apartments  
2150 S. West Temple
5. Chris Peterson  
Cordin Company  
2450 S. Main Street
6. Michael Kirby  
S&L Fire Station #11  
2600 S. Main Street
7. Ann Chen  
Gustin Hydraulics, Inc.  
151 W. Commonwealth Ave
8. Evan Jed Memmott  
AM Source  
2285 S. Main
9. Josh Scheuerman  
SugarPost  
80 West Truman
10. ARCY  
Level Crossing  
2496 West Temple
11. Traci O'Very Covey (Phase 1)  
Mountainland Design  
2345 S. Main Street
12. Dan Toro  
Saltfire Brewing  
2199 S. West Temple
13. Chuck Landvatter  
Shades - Utopia  
154 W. Utopia
14. Trent Call  
Beehive Distilling  
2245 S. West Temple
15. Billy Hensler  
The Commonwealth Room  
195 W. 2100 South
16. Matt Monsoon  
The Commonwealth Room  
195 W. 2100 South
17. Billy Hensler  
Mr. Muffler  
105 W. 2100 South
18. Brandon Brumfield & Justin Johnson  
Beck Development  
193 W. 2100 South
19. Chuck Landvatter  
The Commonwealth Room  
195 W. 2100 South
20. Daniel Overstreet  
Counterpoint Studios  
2335 S. West Temple
21. Elaina Court & Elisabeth Bunker  
Utah Coffee Roasters  
2375 S. West Temple
22. Roger Whiting  
Mr. Muffler  
105 W. 2100 South
23. Jann Haworth  
Counterpoint Studios  
2335 S. West Temple
24. Veronica Zak  
Clever Octopus Creative Reuse Center  
110 West 2260 South
25. Josh Scheuerman  
Signed & Numbered  
2520 S. West Temple



## FALL CLEAN-UP:

### FIRST TWO WEEKS OF NOVEMBER Boxed, Bundled and Bagged Curbside Cleanup

The citywide cleanup program is available to all South Salt Lake residents who currently receive City garbage service. Curbside pickup will be provided for approved items that are boxed, bundled or bagged. The intent of this program is to reduce pollution in our streams, rivers and lakes and will keep our city clean. When utilizing curbside collection, residents are reminded that hazardous materials such as oil, batteries, paint, tires and other pollutants will not be collected. Ace Recycling and Disposal, the city's garbage and recycling contractor, will be collecting bulky waste items during the first two weeks of November. Properly prepared items must be placed on the curb by 6:30 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. The pickup schedule will be delivered to your home in advance.



## Get your mind in the GUTTER — Let's keep it CLEAN

### Water Quality is Everyone's Responsibility

What happens to the rain or snow after it falls on our streets, sidewalks, parking lots or driveways? It becomes stormwater. As it flows to the nearest storm drain, stormwater picks up fluids and loose material (trash, lawn clippings, excess fertilizer, oils...) and into inlets and catch basins it goes. Where does it go then? To the nearest river or creek, untreated. Stormwater can have negative effects on our water quality. In fact, according to the Jordan River Commission, the number one issue facing the Jordan River is water quality.



- Leaves, twigs, and grass clippings in stormwater can rob oxygen out of the water, causing plants and wildlife to suffer or even die.
- Trash, sticks, and debris can block inlets and pipes. Large blockages can cause rivers and creeks to back up or even flood.
- High levels of fertilizer feed the natural and introduced plants in the waterways, causing algae bloom and unsafe bacteria.

### Good Neighbor Stormwater Practices

Follow these tips from Corby Talbot, SSL City's Stormwater Division Manager:

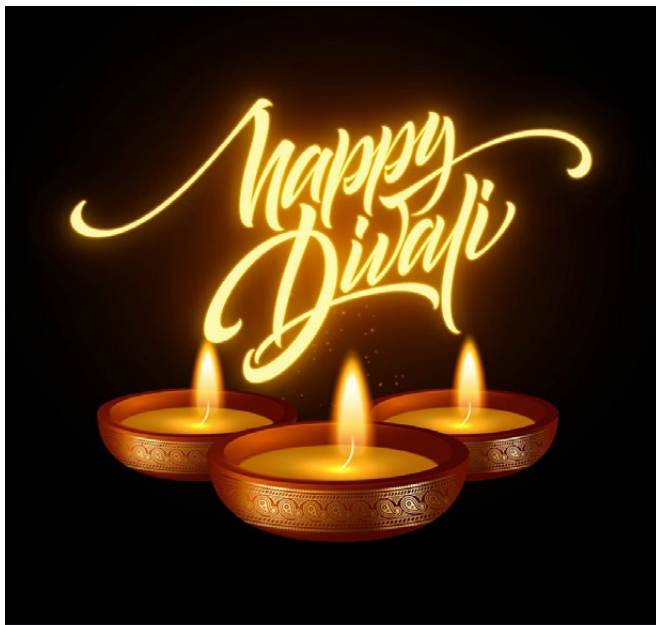
- Place all trash in covered receptacles.
- Properly dispose of grass clippings, leaves, and mulch. Don't just blow or sweep it away from your property, pick it up, and discard properly. Don't store piles of mulch or topsoil on hard surfaces.
- If your vehicle is leaking fluids, repair it quickly or place a drip pan under it and keep the drip pan maintained so it doesn't run off onto the pavement.
- Discard hazardous waste such as paints, oils, and other household items properly.
- Shovel snow into your yard, not into the gutter. Clear snow off of stormwater grates so they don't ice over and create snow melt ponds.
- Talk to your neighbors, friends, and family members about how they can make a difference.

Visit the SSL Public Works page at [sslc.com](http://sslc.com) for more answers to your frequently asked questions. Don't forget — We All Live Downstream!

## 10 Ways to Celebrate Native American Heritage Month

1. Buy products made by Native Americans and support Native-owned businesses.
2. Donate to programs that support Native communities directly and participate in community "essential goods" drives for Native people living in rural areas. Start by checking out the local Urban Indian Center in Salt Lake.
3. Review your workplace's training topics, policies, and hiring practices to ensure they are inclusive and welcoming to American Indian employees.
4. Learn and share accurate American Indian history, especially this month around Thanksgiving. Speak up if your child's school encourages them to "dress-up" in brown paper and feathers for the holiday.
5. Learn about important issues impacting Native Communities today including murdered and missing Indigenous women, poverty and homelessness, climate change and environmental justice, educational opportunity, land sovereignty, and more.
6. Watch out for language that reinforces stereotypes or belittles American Indian Heritage. Avoid sayings like "sitting Indian style," "going off the reservation," or "spirit animal" as well as using "pow wow" to refer to casual conversations or meetings.
7. Read books or watch movies, like the modern classic "Smoke Signals," that represent American Indian experiences. Look for books and films made by Native Americans themselves.
8. Avoid makeup, clothing, and accessories that have been appropriated from Indigenous cultures, and NEVER wear headdresses or other Native regalia as a costume or to a sporting event or concert.
9. Support the removal of statues and the renaming of buildings that depict historical figures who contributed to Native American enslavement, displacement, and genocide.
10. Follow Native American activists, artists, and other creators on social media. Try #NativeTwitter, #NativeTikTok, and #NativeAmerican on Instagram and Facebook.

**BONUS:** Join the Promise SSL Equity Council and help create a safer, equitable, inclusive community for everyone! Contact [bowens@sslc.com](mailto:bowens@sslc.com) for more information.





## Who was Olene Walker?

Why is her name so fitting for our newest elementary school?

In 2003, Olene Walker became Utah's first female Governor. Prior to that, she had served as Lieutenant Governor and in the Utah House of Representatives. She served on several boards advancing childcare, affordable housing, and community efforts, but her passion was always education. While in office, she developed the Read With a Child Early Literacy Initiative and often visited classrooms. As governor, she vetoed against a student voucher system that would take funding away from public schools. She was known for listening to people and then taking action—often surprising those who underestimated her bravery and perseverance. It is hoped that students take her mission and her attitude to heart as they enter the school each day.

Read more about the Olene Walker Wolves on the next page.

**Creative Arts for Life** is adapting to meet the COVID-19 health and safety concerns by going ONLINE! We are partnering with Bad Dog Arts to bring you a variety of fun and exciting mediums for you to explore in the comfort of your own home via online Zoom classes. Upcoming offerings include: Holiday Ornaments, Needle Felting, Painted Totebags and Face Mask Hangers.

Classes are taught on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and are free to residents, \$40 for all others. Class size is limited and registration is required. For more info visit: [sslarts.org/creative-arts-for-life](https://sslarts.org/creative-arts-for-life)



## FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER



The Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) offers no cost, individualized financial counseling sessions for South Salt Lake residents.

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LOWER YOUR DEBT

Now booking coaching sessions! These confidential, virtual sessions are free of charge.

**CREDIT SCORE**  
IMPROVE YOUR CREDIT



**SAVINGS**  
INCREASE YOUR SAVINGS

TO BOOK YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH A FINANCIAL COACH

**CALL 801-483-6057**



## New Hair, Who Dis?

"Hey Girl Hey!" Quinn walked into my afterschool classroom, beaming from ear to ear. "Like my new wig?" Quinn said as she tossed her long ice blue hair.

Quinn is a young Trans Girl of Color exploring her identities and reaching for her truest self. For youth like Quinn to thrive, it is necessary to create safe spaces that encourage authenticity, bravery,



and curiosity. However, the Human Rights Campaign has reported that 2020 has proven to be the deadliest year on record for the Transgender community. Violence against Trans Women has reached an all time high, disproportionately affecting Trans Women of Color.

Every year on Transgender Day of Remembrance, November 20th, we mourn for the lives of Transgender People that have been lost to violence and bigotry around the world. While we work to create a safer and accepting world for Trans Women of Color, we also work to find the joy in the little things. Quinn changes her hairstyle every month. Soon, she'll be rocking bangs with a pink highlight. Being a part of her journey is such an honor and having the privilege of witnessing her joy is one that I will carry with me.

Visit [www.glaad.org/tdor](https://www.glaad.org/tdor) to learn more about Trans Day of Remembrance and about how to support the Trans community on this day.

Heidi Qin is a Coordinator in the city's Promise afterschool programs.



**1-11 DECEMBER**

## Virus Rec-ed Holiday

Join us during the first 2 weeks of December to find ornaments hidden throughout the City.

Preregister to participate email Myrna [mclark@sslc.com](mailto:mclark@sslc.com)

Registration closes Nov. 27

[southsaltlakecity](https://www.facebook.com/southsaltlakecity) [southsaltlake](https://www.instagram.com/southsaltlake)

It appears the virus Rec-ed Breakfast with Santa. In this pandemic year 2020, we have been cooped up and feeling crummy. Our endearing Recreation crew has decided to bring some cheer to you! So all ye merry citizen, lace up your boots and listen ~ Rudolph, Santa, Frosty and clan have some fun activities and tasks at hand.

## SSL PAL Thanksgiving Service Project

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, the South Salt Lake Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL) will be providing Thanksgiving dinner kits for families in need in South Salt Lake.

### We need your help!

We will be feeding 60+ families, and are in need of donations to help fund our project. Each family will receive a turkey, a pie, and a grocery store gift card to purchase everything they need for their favorite Thanksgiving recipes. Our friends at Salt Lake Culinary Education will also be providing a recipe packet, with recipes for all the classic Thanksgiving dishes.

To minimize contact and maintain the utmost safety for everyone involved, we will only be accepting online monetary donations this year. Donations can be made at [www.sslpal.org](https://www.sslpal.org) using the **DONATE NOW** link or through PayPal using email address [info@sslpal.org](mailto:info@sslpal.org).

This Thanksgiving service project is made possible through the continued support of our very generous community! Thanks to all who make it possible for PAL to reach so many families during the holidays, and all year long!

For any questions, please contact:  
Alli Lachowsky - [alli@sslpal.org](mailto:alli@sslpal.org) or 801-412-3607  
Chase Hermansen - 801-412-3642





## It's Time for a New Name — SSL's Youth City Council is Taking the Lead



The Columbus Center is at the heart of our community and is undergoing some exciting changes. The County Library has closed (to reopen at the old Granite High site in 2021), Best Buy Teen Tech Center has become a new hotspot, and a new all-ages and abilities playground is the City's newest park. Amidst all of this, a suggestion for creating a new name for the Center was brought to the attention of the City through the voice and words of one of our youth.

Jevahjire France moved to the U.S. from Haiti in 2016 when he was 13 years old. Last year, as a participant in the Promise SSL afterschool program he shared his feelings about changing the name of the Columbus Center with members of the staff, including Bonnie Owens, Deputy Director of Promise SSL and Equity Council Chair. As explained by Owens, "This year and following the murder of George Floyd and ensuing protests, many of which involved removing problematic statues in cities across the country seemed to reinvigorate this young person and resolve for change. We consulted with him about ways he could take action to bring that change." With that Jevahjire gathered friends in support of this effort and sent a formal statement to the City Council. Reading his message, this July members of the Council agreed with his statement and requested that the Youth City Council (YCC) take the lead in creating this change. Since, Jevahjire was accepted into the YCC which has garnered support from the SSL Equity Council and has decided upon the following steps.

1. Gather ideas and submissions from youth in Promise programs using an afterschool lesson plan.
2. Use the City newsletter and social media to solicit submission ideas from the public.
3. The YCC will gather submissions, conduct research, deliberate, and decide on one or more name options to be presented to the City Council.
4. The City Council and Mayor will work together to make a final decision and draft a resolution to rename the community center.

In the words shared by Jevahjire, "You are lucky to be living in a country where there is a system that some of its purposes is to make it easy for ordinary citizens to reach out to their representatives. Columbus is a divisive figure in our society, an oppressor who is responsible for the genocide of an entire group of people, which led to the foundation of colonialism and the practices of slavery here in the Americas because not only he is not a positive influencer in our lives, he does not represent how we see ourselves."

It's time to rethink the name of this building and its place in our South Salt Lake community. We are excited to share this change. By renaming and honoring this building it brings about a powerful message to all of us about community accountability and positive progress.

## SSL Welcomes New Elementary School — Home of the Olene Walker Wolves



This fall, the Granite School District opened the new Olene Walker Elementary. Affectionately known as Walker, its Riverfront location (3751 S. 900 West) and design were carefully planned to enhance and inspire students, parents and the neighboring community. It will educate students who formerly attended Roosevelt Elementary, who often lived miles away from their school.

Promise South Salt Lake will continue to provide afterschool and summer programs for youth and are exhilarated to be a part of the new school. The Promise SSL Site Coordinator at Walker, Tori Smith, says, "The school is now located where a large majority of the SSL students live. It is now a part of their neighborhood and feels like a second home."

"The entire school was designed to provide the ultimate flexibility in spatial layouts and open access for education collaboration opportunities," says Smith. "Classrooms and the gym have garage-style doors that open up to create larger gathering spaces; the halls include collaboration spaces for teachers." The playgrounds were installed with shade covers so that students can continue to have access all year long and the fields are artificial astroturf so kids can play freely without worrying about mud and regular wear and tear. Smith says, "Much thought and planning went into a design that will provide students the best educational experience and safety for years to come."

A new addition, a Family Engagement Center was built alongside the school to give more opportunities for families to take advantage of free classes such as ESL, computer technology, and be more a part of their children's education. "Wrap-around" services such as these are a key to academic success and this center gives community partners and additional district programs a new home base.

The neighborhood is equally excited. Riverfront HOA president Darryl Barber is thrilled, "It's nice to see children in the neighborhood and all that it brings. Our community seems a lot homier and the school has been a welcome addition."



South Salt Lake has 14  
neighborhood centers  
serving our community.

**Hser Ner Moo Community Center**  
2531 South 400 East (Columbus)  
801-828-7245

**Olene Walker Elementary**  
3751 South 900 West  
801-828-8219

**Historic Scott School Center**  
3280 South 540 East  
801-803-3632

**Lincoln Community School**  
450 East 3700 South  
801-657-0416

**Utah International School**  
350 East Baird Circle  
801-520-7175

**Central Park / PAL Center**  
2797 South 200 East  
801-386-4949

**Columbus Center**  
2531 South 400 East  
801-412-3217

**Commonwealth Youth Center**  
3280 South 540 East  
801-803-3632

**Woodrow Wilson School**  
2567 South Main Street  
801-386-0589

**Granite Park Jr. High**  
3031 South 200 East  
801-440-4499

**Meadowbrook Center (at SLCC)**  
250 West 3900 South  
801-828-8219

**Cottonwood High Promise**  
5715 South 1300 East  
385-630-9748

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430 East 2100 South  
385-630-9754

**Moss Elementary**  
4399 South 500 East  
385-258-6360